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Honorable John Linder
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Linder:

This is in reply to your letter of February 5, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Phillip M. Craven, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody ~~regulatory concepts based on yesterday's technology and unless changed will~~

Honorable John Linder

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio bands will continue to deteriorate to the

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Congress of the United States
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February 5, 1993

Mr. Alfred Sikes
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1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Sikes:

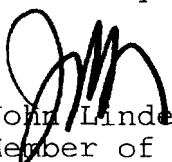
I have recently been contacted by a constituent, Mr. Phillip M. Craven, who is concerned about a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulation.

Specifically, Mr. Craven opposes further restriction of the current usable frequencies available to radio control hobbyists. I have enclosed a copy of the letter from Mr. Craven.

I would very much appreciate any information you may be able to provide me regarding the FCC's future plans to alter frequencies available to radio control enthusiasts.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


John Linder
Member of Congress

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January 26, 1993

Phillip M. Craven
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The Honorable John Linder
United States Senate House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Linder

I am an avid Radio Control enthusiast. My main area of interest in the Radio controlled Hobby is in aviation. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own 4 radios, 5 R/C model airplanes and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operate my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies

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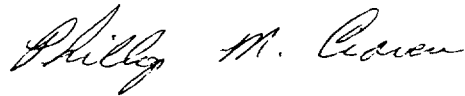
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will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a billion dollar industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 Mhz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,



Phillip M. Craven

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